

# House Study Bill 632

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act revising family investment program requirements for  
2 limited benefit plans.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 239B.9, subsection 1, paragraph b,  
1 2 subparagraph (2), Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 (2) A limited benefit plan subsequent to a first limited  
1 4 benefit plan chosen by the same individual participant shall  
1 5 provide for a ~~six-month specified~~ period of ineligibility of  
1 6 ~~six months or less~~ beginning with the effective date of the  
1 7 limited benefit plan and continuing indefinitely following the  
1 8 ~~six-month specified~~ period until the individual participant  
1 9 completes significant contact with or action in regard to the  
1 10 JOBS program. The department shall adopt rules defining the  
1 11 circumstances for which a particular period of ineligibility  
1 12 will be specified.

1 13 Sec. 2. Section 239B.9, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code  
1 14 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 15 b. A participant who chooses a subsequent limited benefit  
1 16 plan may reconsider that choice at any time following the  
1 17 ~~required~~ period of ineligibility specified in accordance with  
1 18 subsection 1.

### EXPLANATION

1 19 This bill revises the family investment program (FIP) and  
1 20 promoting independence and self-sufficiency through employment  
1 21 job opportunities and basic skills (PROMISE JOBS) program  
1 22 requirements for limited benefit plans. The PROMISE JOBS  
1 23 program is the work and training component of FIP.

1 24 Under current law, Code section 239B.9 outlines the  
1 25 requirements for a limited benefit plan that is applied if a  
1 26 FIP participant chooses not to sign a family investment  
1 27 agreement or fulfill the terms of the agreement. A limited  
1 28 benefit plan is defined to mean a period of time in which a  
1 29 FIP participant or a member of a participant family is either  
1 30 eligible for reduced cash assistance only or ineligible for  
1 31 any assistance under FIP. Current law provides that a first  
1 32 limited benefit plan continues indefinitely until the  
1 33 participant completes significant contact with or action  
1 34 regarding the PROMISE JOBS program. Current law also provides  
2 1 that a subsequent limited benefit plan applies for at least  
2 2 six months and then continues until the participant completes  
2 3 significant contact with or action regarding the PROMISE JOBS  
2 4 program.

2 5 The bill removes the minimum six-month ineligibility period  
2 6 currently required for subsequent limited benefit plans.  
2 7 Instead, the bill provides the ineligibility period applies  
2 8 for six months or less as specified according to circumstances  
2 9 to be outlined in administrative rules adopted by the  
2 10 department.

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